

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace original paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0015]** The knotter assemblies 18 and 20 are spaced equally from each other axially along the shaft 12. Right- and left-hand stop-forming shaft collars 36 are received on the shaft 12 and fixed by any suitable securing arrangement, to locations adjacent left- and right-hand sides of the bale-forming chamber (not shown) of the baler with which the shaft 12 is being used. One example of the construction of the shaft collars would be to construct them of separable halves which are secured together by a pair of bolts passing through aligned holes in the halves located at opposite sides of the shaft 12. It is conceivable that the left-hand collar 36 ~~20~~, the only collar shown, could be defined by a shoulder formed on the shaft 12.